

BITS O' TALK

Miss Sandra Shorts spent Wednesday night and Thursday with her grandmother, Mrs. Maude

Shorts at Frederic. The new Dodge. Set it today, says Leo. Mrs. E. R. Burns.

Miss Sandra Shorts returns to Lansing Sunday, after enjoying a two weeks vacation visiting her mother, Mrs. Ervin Shively and family. She accompanied E. R. Burns.

Albert Charon returned Tues-

day 28. Several

farmers met at the

Town Hall Monday

afternoon to hear Dr. Roy from M. S. C. on "Bang Disease."

Rufus Edmonds from Flint spent the weekend here with his wife, Mrs. Edmonds.

Clarence Stendahl and his sis-

ter, Esther of Northwood, N.

Dakota are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Mrs. John Anthony

Lauzon to announce the arrival of

an eight pound daughter at Mercy

Hospital on January 8.

Patricia of Mercy Hospital in-

cluded Mrs. John Steiner, Floyd Argue and Miss Emma Puffer of Evert, Mich.

Mr. Stanley Steely is in De-

troit where he is attending the apparel show.

The membership agreed to as-

sume soliciting for the March of Dimes.

A mother and daughter ban-

quet to be held in May was ap-

proved.

The membership was divided

into seven fund raising commit-

tees. Chairmen were ap-

pointed for each committee.

The main feature of the year

is a talk by Mr. Sam Tokoley of

Bonne City. Mr. Tokoley is a

mining engineer and has been

working for uranium in North-

ern Ontario. His brief infor-

mation ever heard at any of our

meetings was one of the most in-

teresting ever heard at any of our

meetings.

There were many films, the pre-

dictor for showing them and the

accompanying written material

are being shipped from one mem-

ber to another. After they have made

the rounds of the 20 cities par-

ticipating in this program, the

films and appropriate discussion

material and the entire circuit will

be repeated. Through this col-

operative, the clubs are able to obtain for

each film a portion of the cost of

producing the film, the accompa-

nying material and the cost of

mailing the film to the clubs.

Mr. Edson was assisted by co-

hostesses, Mrs. Earl Burns and

Mrs. Ted Thompson.

Sam Hamblin and his mother,

Mrs. Hamblin of Richland are

visiting here at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Donald Dobson.

Mr. Earle White had the mis-

fortune to slip on the ice and hurt

her back.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buxton,

of the Hotel Extended Club last

evening afternoons. Guests were

present. The Club is planning a bingo party for Jan-

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1949 Sale Of Licenses Up

Conservation Department discloses 1949 hunting and fishing license sales on the books as of December 31 exceed the comparative 12-month total on record at the end of 1948. Many of the department's 3,700 license agents are yet to submit final reports for 1949.

Resident fishing licenses issued tally over 797,000 of about one million issued in 1948. Non-resident license sales were up over 78,000 of record last year at this time. The 1948 final was 807,811 licensed resident anglers.

The total number of residents spent more fishing time in the state is reflected in license sales. Agents dispensed closer to 123,000 or five per cent more than 1948. Non-resident permits and closer to 148,000 or two per cent fewer than the temporary variety.

Over 173,000 trout stamps have been issued in 1949, 10,000 more than in the comparative period of 1948. This latest total already exceeded the final 1948 tabulation of

169,498 stamps.

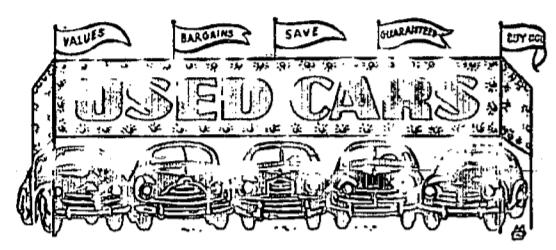
Latest department figures show over 11 per cent more licensed resident deer game hunters. About 565,000 permits have been issued up to over 490,000 on the books last year at this time and a final 1949 total of 583,000. Non-resident small game permits issued were up over 10 per cent from about 2,900 to over 3,100.

Early license agents reports may still be responsible for a better than five per cent increase in comparative 12-month total on record sales. A 37 per cent higher November comparative tabulation was attributed to earlier agents returning to the books. Agents now purchase the over 322,000 licenses compared to over 306,000 through December, 1948. The total number of resident deer hunter totals over 375,146.

Non-resident deer licenses were off over six per cent, from over 6,300 down to nearly 6,000.

The gaining popularity of bow and arrow deer hunting shows up in latest figures. Resident bow hunters are 42 per cent greater in 1949, 10,000 more than 1948, compared to about 7,000. The latest 1949 total exceeds the 1948 final of 9,012 resident bow hunters.

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HOTEL STONE

Mail Rider

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

YOUNG ERIN CLIFFORD drew a signal fire! They had sighted him. Even sucked in his breath. Well, his chances of getting through were pretty slim now. There was only one ford in the Hoosier. A minute later he glimpsed a column of smoke rising from the summit of a hill across the valley.

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A thin smile played across his lips. Sensible, but not advisable, he had explored the river for a mile and a half, and then, urged his mount into the stream.

THE WATER WAS COLD, breath taking. In another moment the horse's legs went out from under him, and the swift current was carrying them rapidly down stream. Eben all he could to help the horse, but the current was too strong for the opposite shore. He was beginning to think he had underestimated the strength of the current when they struck a sandbar. The horse stumbled, nearly lost its footing, then gripped hard and held. Eben breathed a sigh of relief.

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